

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE

Draft Minutes

November 13, 2013

1. Self-Introductions of Members

Members present: Janet Abelson; Randall Glock; Janice Armigo Brown; Peter Crockwell; Don Queen; Hale Zukas; Clarence Fischer; Gerry Newell; Katrina McCurdy; Alan Smith; Larry Bunn; Marina Villena

Members not present: Mary Fowler; Jim Gonsalves; Herb Hastings; David Jackson; Jane Lewis; Roland Wong

Staff: Ike Nnaji; Bob Franklin

Directors, Speaker(s), Guest Staff, and Guests of the Public: Director Rebecca Saltzman; Scott Smith; Mariana Parreiras; Mark Smith; Ferdinand Ezeoha; Tim Chan; Megan O'Brien; Jerry Grace; Brandon Young; Mary Steiner

2. Public Comments

Mark Smith from the Office of the Independent Police Auditor told members about their next outreach event at the Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts on December 10, 2013.

He then thanked the BATF and the Lions Center for the Blind for their help in making the complaint forms available in Braille.

3. Approval of Minutes of September 26 and October 24, 2013 Meetings

No opposition to Alan Smith's motion to approve minutes of the September 26, 2013 meeting, (second by Clarence Fischer). Motion carries unanimously.

The approval of the minutes for the October 24, 2013 meeting will occur in the January 2014 BATF meeting.

4. Early Wins Improvements Project

A quick update was given by Tim Chan.

Members were encouraged to send any questions or concerns to Ike Nnaji, Randall Glock or Alan Smith to be forwarded on to Tim Chan.

5. Balboa Park Update

A quick update was given by Tim Chan.

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6. Daly City Station Improvement

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Alan Smith agreed to send the prioritized capital improvements wish list to Tim Chan.

7. Fleet of the Future Seat Labs

Mary Steiner felt that it was not an improvement from the seats BART currently has. She also felt that it was hard to visualize how the seats would be inside a car.

Alan Smith did not like the seats. He felt that he was sitting up far too straight, and that the seats were designed for shorter trips. He also did not like the center divider, and said he would prefer to have armrests on the side.

Gerry Newell said that armrests would be very useful as he uses them as a tool to locate the seat and also to get up.

8. Proposed Elevator Usage Priority Sign

Alan Smith clarified that the intention is to put the sign up on the outside of the elevator.

Bob Franklin stated that BART will meet internally to discuss whether it would need raised lettering and/or Braille, and what material is to be used.

Janice Armigo Brown moved to use the same priority seating sign from the cars (showing the international symbols), and then the words "have priority," (second by Clarence Fischer).

Randall Glock made a friendly amendment to the motion to add the wheelchair symbol to the sign, (second by Clarence Fischer).

Motion passes.

Yeses: Randall Glock; Janice Armigo-Brown; Peter Crockwell; Don Queen; Clarence Fischer; Alan Smith; Larry Bunn, Marina Villena.

Noes: Gerry Newell; Katrina McCurdy; Hale Zukas; Janet Abelson

9. Travel Reimbursement

Bob Franklin was asked to explain the current reimbursement procedure and how it got changed on the written material handed to the BATF.

After the explanation, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

BART management has put together an internal decision document explaining how reimbursement is managed. Members of any advisory committee are to

receive a \$15 cash value onto the fare media of the members' choice for each regular meeting attended.

Any additional meeting has to be preauthorized by the staff liaison to the advisory committee (Ike Nnaji), and members are then reimbursed for the actual cost of travel for the additional meeting.

10. Project Status Reports

Alan Smith asked to get the Oakland Airport Connector added back onto the Project Status Reports agenda item.

General Disabilities Awareness Booklet Preparation:

This project is close to completion and rough draft copies should be available for review by January 2014.

Stair Tread Color Contrast Project

[No update at this time.]

eBART Project

[No update at this time.]

Richmond Intermodal Project

Scott Smith gave a brief description of the project. He presented members with the proposed layout which illustrates the 35 percent completion in the design process. He agreed to get the BATF's input regarding selecting the materials for the detectable path of travel.

Warm Springs Station

[No update at this time.]

Berryessa/Milpitas Stations

Randall Glock and Alan Smith plan to meet with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority in January in order to discuss the issue of the black tactile pathway and black truncated domes.

11. Chairperson Announcements

Randall Glock shared that he will not be attendance during the December meeting due to medical reasons.

Mary Fowler and Jim Gonsalves have missed four meetings this year and have been removed as members of the BATF. They have been sent new member applications and are encouraged to apply.

12. Staff Announcements

Bob Franklin stated that the next BART Board meeting will be held on November 21st, wherein Marina Villena's member application is to be considered.

An email was forwarded to members regarding Directional guidance tile installations at BART, and Ike Nnaji is looking for input regarding Larry Bunn's path of travel recommendations. He is also looking for input regarding path of travel during construction at stations.

13. Member Announcements

Don Queen's made a motion to establish a path of travel ad hoc committee, (second by Larry Bunn).

Janet Abelson stated a motion should first be made to agendize this discussion for the next BATF meeting.

14. Future Agenda Topics

- **Member Application for Megan O'Brien**
- **Path of Travel Project Ad Hoc Committee**

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next specially scheduled meeting/holiday reception of **Wednesday, December 11, 2013, 2:00 p.m.** at the **Kaiser Center Garden Room, 2050 Webster Street, 3rd Floor, Oakland, California 94612.**